

Amendments To The Specification

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1 of the specification with the following substitute paragraph:

This application, which is a national phase under 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/US2005/10279 filed March 29, 2005, claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/557,733, filed March 29, 2004.

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 3 and 4 of the specification with the following substitute paragraph:

Figure 3A 3 shows the results of Western blot analysis of recombinant PKs expressed in COS-7 cells (FLAG-tagged PK1, PK2 and PK2L either from cell conditioned media (lanes 1-5) or from cell lysates (lanes 6-10), which were analyzed by Western Blot using anti-FLAG M2 antibody; lanes 1 and 6 show control cells, lanes 2 and 7 show results of cells expressing PK1, lanes 3 and 8 show cells expressing PK2, lanes 4 and 9 show cells expressing PK2L; and lanes 5 and 10 show cells co-expressing PK2L and furin). ~~Figure 3B is a schematic diagram for PK2, PK2L, and PK2 β .~~